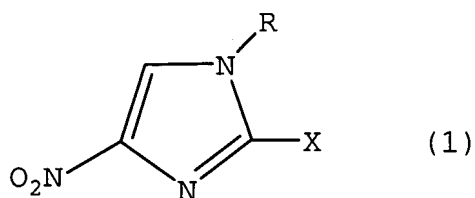


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) 1-substituted-4-nitroimidazole compound represented by ~~the general~~ formula (1),



[wherein R is a hydrogen atom, a lower alkoxy group-substituted lower alkyl group, a phenyl-lower alkoxy group-substituted lower alkyl group, ~~a cyano group-substituted lower alkyl group~~, a phenyl-lower alkyl group which may have a lower alkoxy group as ~~the substituents in~~ a substituent on the phenyl ring, or a group of the formula $-\text{CH}_2\text{R}^{\text{A}}$ ~~[[;]]~~, wherein R^{A} is a group of the following formula,

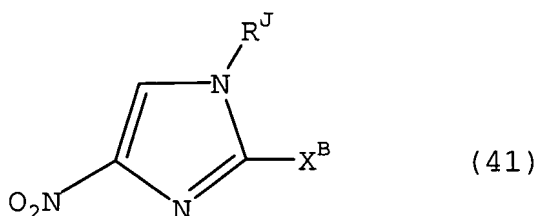


and wherein R^{B} is a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group; and X is a ~~halogen~~ chlorine atom, a bromine atom or a group of the formula $-\text{S}(\text{O})_n\text{R}^1$ ~~[[;]]~~, wherein n is 0 or an integer of 1 or 2 ~~[[;]]~~ and R^1 is a phenyl group which may have 1 to 3 substituents, selected from the group consisting of a nitro group, a halogen atom and a lower alkyl

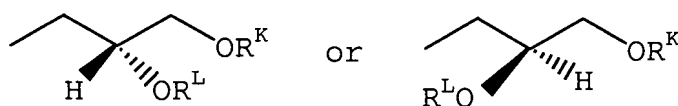
group, ~~[[in]]~~ on the phenyl ring; provided that when X is a ~~halogen~~ chlorine atom or a bromine atom, then R should not be a hydrogen atom], or a salt thereof.

2-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently amended) A 4-nitroimidazole derivative represented by ~~the general formula (41),~~



[wherein X^B is a bromine atom or a group of the formula $\text{--S(O)}_n\text{R}^1$; ~~$\text{--S(O)}_n\text{R}^1$~~ , wherein R^1 is a phenyl group which may have 1 to 3 substituents, selected from the group consisting of a nitro group, a halogen atom and a lower alkyl group, ~~[[in]]~~ on the phenyl ring~~[[;]]~~, n is 0 or an integer of 1 or 2; and R^J is a group of the formula,



(wherein R^K and R^L are each a tetrahydropyranyl group, a tri(lower alkyl)silyl group, a lower alkanoyl group, a phenyl-lower alkyl group which may have a lower alkoxy group as ~~[[the]]~~ a substituent ~~[[in]]~~ on the phenyl ring or a hydrogen atom)) or a salt thereof.

13. (Original) (S)-2-bromo-1-(2-methyl-2-oxiranylmethyl)-4-nitroimidazole or a salt thereof.

14. (Original) (R)-2-bromo-1-(2-methyl-2-oxiranylmethyl)-4-nitroimidazole or a salt thereof.
15. (Original) (S)-2-chloro-1-(2-methyl-2-oxiranylmethyl)-4-nitroimidazole or a salt thereof.
16. (Original) (R)-2-chloro-1-(2-methyl-2-oxiranylmethyl)-4-nitroimidazole or a salt thereof.